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June — LAND'S END — Trip

June 21 turned out to be a chilly overcast day in San Francisco; only 13 showed up for the Land's End trip. Due to a late start less territory was covered than in other years. We followed the upper trail around to the big slide near Lincoln Park, then most of us returned via the lower trail. A singing Tolmie warbler was seen; this species has not been recorded on this trip in recent years, if ever. A number of pigeon guillemots were seen but none appeared to be nesting. Most of the group lunched at Middle Lake in Golden Gate Park, where we saw young coots and pied-billed grebes. A walk around the lake concluded the day — a surprise here was a violet-green swallow. The day's list was 35 species, as follows:

Pied-billed grebe
Brown pelican
Brandt cormorant
Mallard
Calif. quail
Coot
Glaucous-winged gull
Western gull
Heerman gull
Caspian tern
Pigeon guillemot
Anna hummingbird
Allen hummingbird
Red-shafted flicker
Violet-green swallow
Cliff swallow
Raven
Chestnut-backed chickadee
Wren-tit
Bewick wren
Robin
Olive-backed (russet) thrush
Tolmie warbler
Pileolated warbler
House sparrow
Brewer blackbird
Brown-headed cowbird
Purple finch
House finch
Pine siskin
American goldfinch
Spotted towhee
Oregon junco
White-crowned sparrow
Song sparrow

— A. Laurence Curl, *Historian and Substitute Leader.*

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July — SANTA CRUZ MTS. — Trip

On Sunday, July 13, the Golden Gate and Santa Clara Valley Audubon Societies joined forces for a trip to the Santa Cruz Mts. Approximately 50 persons, about evenly divided between the two societies, participated. The weather was clear and warm along the crest of the mountains but a spectacular sea of fog filled the Santa Clara Valley, the Diablo Range appearing as an island mass to the east. From Saratoga Gap the route was south for 3 miles on Summit Road to where a singing male Tolmie Warbler refused to come out of the dense ground cover and a Lazuli Bunting occupied successive song perches along the edge of a pear orchard. A pair of Green-backed Goldfinches were feeding nestlings. From this open country to the Douglas fir and madrone woods at Castle Rock (3214′ elevation) was a short drive. A Wood Pewee nest was watched (nestlings being fed on July 11) and both White-throated and Vaux Swifts were seen overhead. A Red-breasted Nuthatch was heard.

Lunch was eaten at Central School and the midday ebb of avian activity was compensated by an extended period of relaxation and conversation. On the return trip a stop was made on a side road where even the stuffed Screech Owl failed to arouse the birds from the lethargy of a mid-July afternoon.

A total of 40 species were observed:

Turkey vulture
Red-tailed hawk
Calif. quail
Band-tailed pigeon
Mourning dove
Vaux swift
White-throated swift
Acorn (Calif.) woodpecker
Hairy woodpecker
Ash-throated flycatcher
Western flycatcher
Western wood pewee
Olive-sided flycatcher
Violet-green swallow
Purple martin
Steller jay
Scrub jay
Chestnut-backed chickadee
Red-breasted nuthatch
Brown creeper
Wren-tit
House wren
Bewick wren
Western bluebird
Golden-crowned kinglet
Hutton vireo
Solitary vireo
Warbling vireo
Audubon warbler
Tolmie warbler
Pileolated warbler
Western tanager
Black-headed grosbeak
Lazuli bunting
Purple finch
Pine siskin
Green-backed (lesser) goldfinch
Spotted towhee
Brown towhee
Oregon junco

— Charles G. Sibley, *Leader and Historian.*

A NATIONWIDE STUDY OF NOCTURNAL BIRD MIGRATION

The Museum of Zoology at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, is inviting people all over the country, who have access to a telescope, to participate in a cooperative investigation of the movement of birds at night. This fascinating new branch of bird study, which makes use of the moon to see birds, is described in an article in the July-August AUDUBON MAGAZINE. Prospective collaborators should write at once for further details to Robert J. Newman at the Museum.

CONSERVATION EDUCATION: "The National Wildlife Federation has announced four grants of $1000 each for college fellowships in advanced conservation training or research" . . . One of these has been given to Long Beach State College of California — "For research expected to come up with a practical program of conservation education for city school children . . . The fellowship grants . . . are financed thru the distribution of Wildlife Conservation Stamps . . . several hundred thousand individuals make small contributions annually."

AUDUBON SCREEN TOURS SERIES will again be sponsored by Golden Gate Audubon to be presented at the Berkeley High School Little Theatre. The first, "The Four Corners" by Fran William Halls will be given October 30th. These are the scenic corners of Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Arizona converging in picturesque display. If your name has not already been given to the committee and you wish to be notified of the sale of tickets, send your name and those of interested friends to the Chairman, Miss Doris Brenneman, 1740 Walnut St., Berkeley 9.

"WATER BIRDS", produced by Walt Disney and featuring many of Bert Harwell's unusually beautiful pictures, is currently being shown in the Bay Area.

NEW MEMBERS: We welcome the following: from San Francisco, Miss Beryl Briggs, Mrs. Donald R. Dickey; from Berkeley, Mrs. E. B. Babcock, Mr. Johanna Martensen, Mr. Robert Sibley; from El Cerrito; Mr. Harry Graves; from Burlingame, Miss Frances Wesenberg; from Corcoran, Mr. S. S. Whitehead.

AUGUST MEETING

The 419th meeting of the Golden Gate Audubon Society will be held in the Commissioner's Room of the San Francisco Public Library, Civic Center, on August 14th, at 7:30 P.M. After the business meetng Mrs. Albert B. Stephens will give "Highlights in the History of the Audubon Association of the Pacific." No-host dinner at the Mayflower restaurant, 1018 Market Street, near Sixth—about three blocks from the Library, at 6 P.M.

—DOROTHY DEAN SCOTT, *Program Chairman.*

BAY FARM ISLAND

On Sunday, August 17, to Bay Farm Island to see the shorebirds returning from northern lands. This will be an afternoon trip in order to take advantage of the tides.

Meet at Lincoln Park, Santa Clara and High Streets in Alameda at 11:30 A.M. thence by car caravan to the Sand Spit where we will have lunch. From San Francisco take "O" bus. Leader, Mrs. Junea W. Kelly, LA. 2-7084. Bring lunch, binoculars, telescope and interested friends.

AQUATIC PARK AND BERKELEY PIER

On Saturday, August 23 to the Aquatic Park and vicinity, possibly to the mud flats near Point Isabel. Meet at the parking area at the KRE pool at the south end of the Aquatic Park at 9 A.M. Besides shorebirds, early duck arrivals in "eclipse" plumage may be found. Leader, Mr. L. R. Leinbach, LA. 6-7649. Bring lunch if desired, binoculars, telescope and interested friends.

HARRY C. ADAMSON, *Chairman, Field Trips Committee.*

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